

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL  
HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2019**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Welcome to the Massillon City Council Meeting for Monday, October 21, 2019. We have in attendance with us the following city officials: Mayor, Kathy Catazaro-Perry, Safety Service Director, Barb Sylvester, Auditor, Jayne Ferrero, from the Law Dept., Gary Frye, Economic Development Director, Dave Maley, Police Chief, Keith Moser and from the Engineering Dept., Jason Popiel. On the wall to the left are agendas if you wish to follow the meeting. Also, if you look at the agenda, under item #5 is where the public can speak on any item that appears on tonight's agenda and then under item #17 is where the public can speak on any item that does NOT appear on tonight's agenda. I want remind anyone with cell phones, please turn them down or set them to vibrate.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Roll call.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Roll call for the evening found the following Council Members present: Jill Creamer, Sarita Cunningham, Mike Gregg, Jason Harris, Dave Irwin, Ed Lewis, Linda Litman, Paul Manson and Megan Starrett.

Roll call of 9 present

**2. INVOCATION**

**COUNCILMAN EDWARD LEWIS IV**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**LED BY COUNCILMAN LEWIS**

**4. READING OF THE JOURNAL**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Mr. Lewis. Madam Clerk, are the minutes of the previous meeting transcribed and open for public viewing?

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – Yes, they are.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Are there any corrections to be made?

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – No, there are not.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Then the minutes stand approved as written. Before we get into Item No. 5 where the community can come forward and speak on any topic that appears on tonight's agenda, Jayne Ferrero would like to come up and say a few words. Thank you, Auditor Ferrero.

**JAYNE FERRERO** – First I would like to pass these out. Good evening and thank you for allowing me to speak first. I've got a little bit of a bum leg, so I'm going to be sneaking out and trying to get it to become normal again. Anyway, I'm sharing this with you because I was honored to receive this Award of Excellence for our audit this year. I have to tell that I've never received such a wonderful award and so, it came to me as a big surprise and I was thrilled to death. For those of you who know the people in my office, you know I have a very effective and efficient staff and they do a wonderful job in the Auditor's office. But I can also say this award does not just go to them, it goes to all the departments in the City because all of them were in compliance during our audit. The State Audit came in and took over this year because Clark-Schaefer has done our audit for five years while we were in fiscal emergency. So, this year, the State was required to come back in and perform our audit for us and they really dug deep and we had everything in order. We are almost paperless, almost, not quite completely paperless. But I will tell you, we are very fiscally sound. We pay every one of our bills on time as long as each department has the bill to us the way it's supposed to come to us through a P.O., everything is paid right away. So, when I read in the paper that we're not fiscally sound and I read in the paper that we're not paying our bills; that is not true and I know many of you come in my office on a regular basis or some of you have come to learn how the General Fund works and I appreciate that very much. Some of you I have invited and you haven't taken that up, but, I will tell you that my door is always, always open and if you have any questions about our finances and you want to speak to it out in the public I would ask you to call me and ask that information. That's all I'm asking is for you to come to me and I will promise you that we are very transparent. I will give all of the information that you need. The one thing on this plaque that I want to read out loud to you is where it says, "The citizens you represent are well served by your effective and accountable financial practices". That's say something for our City (applause). So, saying that, I thank you all for listening to me. I invite you all to come in my office, call me, whatever, if you ever have any questions, I appreciate what you do for our City and in return if you ever have anything that you need to know about the finances, please call. That's all I ask.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Jayne.

**JAYNE FERRERO** – Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Speaking for myself and I'm sure for the rest of Council, congratulations on that wonderful award.

**JAYNE FERRERO** – Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Before moving to Item No. 5, when I was elected four years ago, I was told that these are my meetings and I could run them the way I wanted. So, I'm going to take that literally. When you come up to speak, if you are running for a public office, please state that as you state your name and address and topic you wish to discuss. I think the people here in the room would like to know if you're running for something. Also, when we had the two "Meet the Candidates" nights, one at Ward 4 that Jill put on and one at the Lincoln Theatre, in both places they stressed that there would be no personal attacks and I would like to bring that into our meetings. You can attack something that's being done, but there will be no personal attacks. And this is the teacher in me coming out, but in this room right here, you will only use your "inside voice". If you are not able to do either of those things, then I will ask you to be seated. I'm not trying to hurt anyone's feelings, but this is a prestigious room and I think we need to keep some decorum in it.

5. **REMARKS OF DELEGATIONS AND CITIZENS TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

6. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 138 – 2019**

**BY: STREETS, HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE to accept the dedication plat of a storm sewer easement located on the east side of Millennium Blvd. S.E.; just south of Phoenix Avenue located in the Neocom Industrial Park in Massillon, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Starrett.

**COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT** – Thank you, Madam President. This is just the dedication of a storm sewer easement in the Neocom Industrial Park. This has been approved by the City Planning Commission. This is one of the many easements we see throughout the year. Any questions or comments on this easement? Seeing none, I make a motion that we waive the rule requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 138 – 2019 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Manson. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 138 – 2019 has passed. Ord. No. 139 – 2019.

**ORDINANCE NO. 139 – 2019**

**BY: STREETS, HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE to accept the final subdivision plat for the Girasole Allotment project located on the north side of Hills and Dales Road N.E., Massillon, Ohio.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Starrett.

**COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT** – Thank you, Madam President. This Ord. No. 139 deals with the final subdivision of the Girasole Allotment on Hills and Dales Road. We've seen a few pieces of legislation dealing with this subdivision plats and this one has also been approved by the City Planning Commission. Any concerns or questions?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Ms. Litman.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – I just have a quick question. Just wanting to make sure that the Massillon Street Dept. will be responsible for the extension of Wildridge Drive as the new private road. Is that correct?

**COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT** – I would ask that we have somebody, maybe, from the Engineering Dept. come up and answer that.

**JASON POPIEL** – The Street Dept. is going to be responsible for the cul-de-sac, but the private road is private. We're only responsible for the sewer services on the private road.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – So, the private road goes back to a cul-de-sac. Wildridge is the four individual allotments?

**JASON POPIEL** – That's the one that the City is responsible for.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – But not the private road nor the cul-de-sac related to the private drive?

**JASON POPIEL** – Correct.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Okay, thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone else?

**COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT** – Seeing no other discussion, I would ask that we waive the rules requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 139 – 2019 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilwoman Creamer. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 139 – 2019 has passed. Ord. No. 140 – 2019.

**ORDINANCE NO. 140 – 2019**

**BY: STREETS, HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE to accept the dedication of road right of way and easements for Westbrook Estates, Phase 5B and 5C subdivision in Massillon, Ohio.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Starrett.

**COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT** – Thank you, Madam President. This dedication of road right of way, the easement, has to do with the extension of Alpha, Brightleaf and new streets being created in the Westbrook Estates and they're 5B and 5C planning. This has also been approved by the Planning Commission at their last meeting. Any questions or discussion? Seeing none, I ask that we waive the rules requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 140 – 2019 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilwoman Creamer. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 140 – 2019 has passed. Ord. No. 141 – 2019.

**ORDINANCE NO. 141 – 2019**

**BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1220 Foreclosure Property Administration Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2019, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes, this ordinance is a \$15,000 appropriation to be used to assist in tearing down and the removal of a property that I believe it was part of a house fire and so we have to, for the safety of the citizens have it removed. Are there any questions or discussion this evening? Seeing none, I make a motion that we move to the rule of three readings, bringing Ord. No. 141 – 2019 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilwoman Litman. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 141 – 2019 has passed. Ord. No. 142 – 2019.

**ORDINANCE NO. 142 – 2019**

**BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1225 Indigent Driver Alcohol Treatment Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2019, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes, this is an appropriation for \$18,000. It is within the Municipal Court. We use this money in order to pay for treatment options and this money is raised through court fees. Are there any questions or discussion? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 142 – 2019 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilwoman Starrett. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 142 – 2019 has passed. Ord. No. 143 – 2019.

**ORDINANCE NO. 143 – 2019**

**BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to execute and hereby give consent to the Enterprise Zone Agreement Assignment Agreement between Geis at Massillon, LLC and Snackhouse Property, LLC, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Yes, thank you, Madam President. I'm going to ask you to ask Mr. Maley to please come up and explain this. This came to us the middle of the week last week. It needs some attention right away. I guess there's some time periods involved that we need to act on this or at least if we can get satisfied with the information, we can act on it.

**DAVE MALEY** – Mr. Manson and Ms. Cunningham, I want to thank you for your indulgence to put it on tonight. I also want to thank Council. This has been an interesting process with the Shearer's Warehouse Development. We've come to you on numerous occasions and in extremely tight timeframes and you've been willing to us and help us throughout this process. The current agreement we passed several months ago with the Enterprise Zone for that facility was a 10-year, 75% agreement tax payment to an enterprise zone. That was with Shearer's partnering with Geis who owns the property. They are planning on selling the property. They would like to have the enterprise zone assigned to the new owner and I have several people here tonight. I have the representative from Geis, their attorney, Allen Richey and somebody from Shearer's, Steve Townsend. Allen, if you could come up and maybe address some of this to give some clarification? And Allen did provide an e-mail; I hope all of you have received and had a chance to read about this transaction.

**ALLEN RICHEY** – I'm an outside counsel for Geis of Massillon and first, on behalf of Geis, we'd just like to express our thanks for everything that Council has done in respect to this project. We started like a year ago, I think, right around this time and the City has just been fantastic to work with. A special thanks to Dave Maley and Andrea Scassa. They've been really hard working and very creative throughout the process. So, just a special thanks to them. Like I said, it's been a long project, kind of an interesting project. A lot of twists and

turns, a lot of bad weather that they fought through, but I think that the results are really great. So, the reason we're in front of you tonight is and this is something that was contemplated from the very beginning. Geis at Massillon which is, as Dave said, partnered with Shearer's in the Enterprise Zone Agreement or in parties to it. They always kind of intended that they'd be refinancing or selling their interest in the building and with Shearer's staying as a tenant. So, that's just like the first thing that I'd like to make clear that nothing is changing with respect to Shearer's. They will still be the tenant and still the same terms of the lease. They are absolutely still really the partying interest with respect to the building and this Enterprise Zone Agreement. The Enterprise Zone Agreement is between three parties, Shearer's, Geis of Massillon and, of course, the City and what's basically happening now is Geis of Massillon is just selling its interest in the building as the landlord to a large national real estate investment company called U.S. Realty. And so, that's what the essence of this transaction is. Its Geis is basically selling its interest and along with that, we need to make sure that the Enterprise Zone Agreement goes along with it. Really, Geis is, all of their obligations under that agreement are satisfied which were just basically to make sure they built the building and got Shearer's in there and now there are some recording obligations and I think like a \$500 per year fee or charge that goes along with it. And all of that is getting transferred to this new buyer. And so, it's part of that we're asking for the City's consent to just assign that agreement to the new buyer moving forward. I'm happy to answer any questions.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone? Mr. Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – My question would be why do we have to act so quickly?

**ALLEN RICHEY** – Because we are closing the transaction, unfortunately, on Wednesday. So, that's the reason for the accelerated timeline and I do apologize for that.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone else? Councilwoman Litman.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – How many years are we into the 10-year 75% abatement?

**ALLEN RICHEY** – I think this would be the first year. This would be the first year.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – 2019, the first year?

**ALLEN RICHEY** – With the building completion, I think this would be the first year.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone else? Thank you, Mr. Richey.

**ALLEN RICHEY** – Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And Mr. Maley.

**DAVE MALEY** – Could we indulge Steve Townsend from Shearer's. He's here too, can we have him say a few words?

**STEVE TOWNSEND** – Good evening everybody. I just wanted to say thank you for supporting us with our warehouse build. It's been a great relationship with Geis and company and the build and all the work you guys have done to support us has been fantastic. So, thank

you. We have no objection to the reassignment of the lease. It was contemplated from the start. So, there's no change for Shearer's at all in our contract.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Any questions for Mr. Townsend? Councilwoman Litman.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – The other entity, the buying entity, where are they out of?

**STEVE TOWNSEND** – I do not know.

**ALLEN RICHEY** – I believe they're headquartered out of New York, but they're all over the country.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – So they're some type of investment company? This property is one of many?

**ALLEN RICHEY** – Yes.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone else? Thank you, Mr. Townsend.

**STEVE TOWNSEND** – Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – I haven't heard anything very negative here. I hate to have to operate on such short notice, but sometimes things happen. As I said, Shearer's has been aware of how this was going to work from the very beginning. So, I don't think it should really be a problem for us. So, having said that, I'd like to make a motion that we waive the rule requiring three separate readings and bring Ord. No. 143 – 2019 forward for passage.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilwoman Cunningham. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 143 – 2019 has passed. Res. No. 7 – 2019.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7 – 2019**

**BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN RESOLUTION accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor by October 31, 2019, as listed on the attached Exhibit "A", and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.



**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes. This resolution is one that we make every year. It's something that we have to send to the County Auditor showing why we have the levies in place that we do within the City. Are there any questions or discussion this evening? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Res. No. 7 – 2019 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilwoman Starrett. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Res. No. 7 – 2019 has passed.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**8. PETITIONS AND GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**9. BILLS, ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS**

Keller's Office Furniture - \$ 52.40 Copy Paper and Office Supplies

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I make a motion that we pay the bills.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Manson. Roll call.

9 yes to pay the bills

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – The bills will be paid and charged to their proper accounts.

**10. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

Treasurer's Report - September 2019

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Would someone from the Engineering Dept. update us on Streetscape? Thank you, Mr. Popiel.

**JASON POPIEL** – Yes. This is going to be a quick one because we're almost done. I'll start with last week. We put the Erie St. intersection, got the crosswalks and got the concrete ready for the bricks. We graded Lincoln Way sub-base. The plantings are beginning to be installed and the brick work was started at Erie St. What was not done that was planned to be done was the Chase drive-thru entrance way. That was delayed because of rain on Wednesday. So, that has been moved to tomorrow night. We're going to form the sidewalk and drive apron. It will be poured Wednesday morning. We're using immediate set concrete so it will be ready

on Thursday for opening. We have worked with Chase and they are aware of the detour. We're moving them up a little bit. The drive over the new sidewalk to get into the drive-thru while this concrete sets. That'll be the last of the sidewalk which will be done, again, poured Wednesday morning and it'll be ready for Thursday. Today we installed the mid-walk crossings. Tomorrow they're going to pour the headers for the brick work, the crosswalk to the mid-walk and the following day will be the concrete that goes next to it. I'm just going to show you quickly. I know it's hard to explain what I'm talking about and I know it's hard to see, but if you look at the mid-walk crossing here, the four vanilla areas are actually concrete and that's what's going to be poured tomorrow along with the headers. So, the brick here is all that remains. Concrete base on the road will be Wednesday and Thursday, or Thursday and Friday; depending on how much rain we get tomorrow morning and we still plan to be completed October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Any questions? I'm so excited.

**JASON POPIEL** – Planting was complete today, too.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – All the planting?

**JASON POPIEL** – Yes.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Starrett.

**COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT** – I have one question we've been seeing quite a bit online; people are concerned about the Massillon vs. McKinley parade. Do we have a plan for that? If you or the Mayor would like to address that.

**JASON POPIEL** – I'm pretty confident we're going to be open. It will be going down Lincoln Way.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I've been operating under the understanding that the date was the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**JASON POPIEL** – The original target date was the 25<sup>th</sup>. There were a lot of changes in conditions that we encountered. It moved it back a little bit. The 31<sup>st</sup> is our current end-date which we were targeting for about a month now. Due to unforeseen circumstances like the basement fills and other things we encountered, we just moved it back a little bit.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – And we are, so the contractor doesn't have a penalty before the 31<sup>st</sup>?

**JASON POPIEL** – Correct. Because of the unforeseen circumstances caused, October 31<sup>st</sup> is still within the limits of the contract.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I guess it is what it is, but, my only comment that I'd make, the frustrating part is they've done an amazing amount of work this past week so I applaud them on that. But it seems like that now that their backs are up against the wall, all of a sudden they're able to get a million things done and meanwhile our businesses suffered for months

and now, so, I think that's going to be a hard pill for people to swallow to see all this work accomplished and now we're going to be even seven days later. It's just my thoughts.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Manson, did you have something? Anyone else? Thank you, Jason. Mayor did you want to talk about the upgrade. That's it? It's going to be done?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – I think that you can all see that the project is coming along. The companies that we had working all over our City as well as the County, have had a lot of jobs this year and so, I think we're very blessed to have what we have right now. The attention that they're really working hard to get this done for our parade. They know how important that is to us and to our tradition that we have here in Massillon. So, a couple of days or the magnitude of the project I think we can all accept a couple of days and let's celebrate the goodness that's happening in our community and be proud of the project. It is getting done and it is looking beautiful and we're hopeful that we'll be able to continue that up to 4<sup>th</sup> St. next year to really finalize the entire project. But, with the plantings and the "M's", extra sidewalk space that the businesses are going to have, it's really going to be fabulous once it's completed. So, just a little bit longer. We're almost there.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you.

## **11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – There will be a Health, Welfare and Building Regulations meeting Monday, October 28, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. regarding the fencing ordinance and our next Work Session will follow immediately at 6:30 p.m. Councilwoman Litman.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Yes. I wanted to add that the fence ordinance as well as the Airbnb issue will be discussed at that Committee meeting. I also asked Diane if she wouldn't mind providing us with the current ordinance that was tabled indefinitely as far as the fencing ordinance as well as there was a packet of information that was provided Andrea in regards to the Airbnb issue. I'd like to have that available for that meeting. Actually, everyone is invited. Certainly our Committee members; I'd indicated that that would still work for you. Jill, you're looking at me funny.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Are we going to have that before the meeting so we'll have time to review it so we can ask questions at the meeting or is it going to be provided that day?

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – Before the meeting.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Thank you.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Can we have some hard copies at the meeting as well? Are you going to e-mail that out prior to then?

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – Yes ma'am.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Okay, thank you.

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – You're welcome.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone else?

12. **RESOLUTIONS AND REQUESTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**
13. **CALL OF THE CALENDAR**
14. **THIRD READING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS**
15. **SECOND READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 122 – 2019**

**BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into an agreement with G & D Fab Welding to provide an economic development “inducement grant” for building construction improvements at 340 State Ave. N.W., Massillon, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Thank you, Madam President. As I said before, I usually let these go two readings. It’s gone two readings and there hasn’t been anything negative come up. I just wanted to say that this company’s been operating in the old Hydro Dyne building down south of the railroad tracks. If you go down off of Third St. Their new building is up over there, but there hasn’t been anybody there. So, they’re still down here operating. But I think it’s time to move this forward unless there’s questions that anybody needs. I make a motion that we waive the rule requiring three separate readings and bring Ord. No. 122 – 2019 forward for suspension.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilwoman Cunningham. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 122 – 2019 has passed. Ord. No. 126 – 2019.

**ORDINANCE NO. 126 – 2019**

**BY: POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 32 of the Massillon Code of 1968 by repealing existing Section 32.14 “Personnel of the Police Department” and enacting a new Section 32.14 “Personnel of the Police Department”; and also repealing Section 2 of Ordinance No. 126 - 1977.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Harris.

**COUNCILMAN HARRIS** – Thank you, Madam President. I'm now working directly with someone from the Police Dept. in regards to this and in conjunction with the Animal Control Officer issue and a couple of other issues, I'm confident that by next Monday we should have something concrete, but nothing now. So, second reading.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you. Ord. No. 126 – 2019 has received second reading. Ord. No. 129 – 2019.

**ORDINANCE NO. 129 – 2019**

**BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1237 Economic Development Fund for G & D Fab Welding, for the year ending December 31, 2019, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes. This ordinance is the appropriation of funds that follow Ord. No. 122 – 2019. Are there any questions or discussion? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 129 – 2019 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Manson. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 129 – 2019 has passed. Ord. No. 135 – 2019.

**ORDINANCE NO. 135 – 2019**

**BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to accept the proposal from John Patrick Picard for the architectural and engineering services in the development of the Municipal Government Center restrooms to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – This ordinance is related to the basic design and preparation for the bathrooms that we're going to put into the two sides of this building. Are there any questions or discussion this evening?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Starrett.

**COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT** – There was little confusion last week as to what bathrooms on this side of the building were going to be renovated. Whether it was the first floor or second floor. Have we cleared that up or is there anybody here that can speak on that tonight?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Ms. Sylvester.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – Good evening. I apologize if there was any confusion, but at the original Work Session that I presented it to everyone I did present an actual map and layout that we looked at. I also included the e-mail from the Stark County Building Inspector, Angela Cavanaugh, in regards to if the renovation was done on the second floor here. Downstairs it's really just not feasible. We don't have the room there to be able to do that without taking away from either the Auditor's offices or Income Tax offices as I had explained. So, I wanted to be sure that we got the approval of that before we worked through that. Using that plan up here and it is approved and will be as long as the restroom is accessible that is acceptable to do that.

**COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT** – So it will be the first-floor restrooms in the Police Station side.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – Correct.

**COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT** – And then on the Government Center side it will be the second-floor restrooms.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – That's correct.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Litman.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Just to confirm, we have two ordinances, No. 135, which Ms. Starrett just stated, would be the Police and then No. 136 would be the restrooms up here? No.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – No. No. 135 is to accept the proposal from John Picard for him to do the finalized architectural work. We're going to need drawings and layouts for both restrooms.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – For both, and that's the \$9,500?

**BARB SYLVESTER** – That's correct. Then the project, I had asked him to at least give me an approximate estimate which I included in the paperwork from the Work Session when it was presented; the Request for Legislation, so that we had some idea. Is it going to be under \$50,000, over \$50,000, just where we would be; and his estimate is that it will be over \$50,000. So, he's saying that in order to follow the guidelines, then we do need to go out and advertise, accept bids and go into contract then.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Thank you.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – You're welcome.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone else? Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 135 – 2019 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Manson. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 135 – 2019 has passed. Ord. No. 136 – 2019.

**ORDINANCE NO. 136 – 2019**

**BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to advertise for and receive sealed bids and to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder, upon the approval of the Board of Control, for the construction of the Municipal Government restrooms to be compliant with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA), and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – This is the follow-up of actually going out to bid for the architectural drawings that we just approved. Are there any questions or discussion? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 136 – 2019 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilwoman Litman. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 136 – 2019 has passed.

**16. NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**17. REMARKS OF DELEGATIONS AND CITIZENS TO MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**L.J. DELUCA** – Hi, Madam President. How are you? Thank you. I am going to ask some questions here tonight. Hi Mayor, hi Dave.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Mr. DeLuca, this is not a question/answer session.

**L.J. DELUCA** – No, but I'm saying I'm going to answer some questions. I don't want them to answer. That's what I'm trying to get cleared up right here. I'm just trying to make the boat sail easier before we get started before it sinks, okay. Is that okay with you, Madam President?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Yes.

**L.J. DELUCA** – Okay, thank you. 2954 Veterans Blvd. S.E., Massillon, Ohio. Hi Mr. Manson. Glad you're here tonight too. Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry, this is a nice thing but on those 86 new companies that you said that brought to Massillon, Ohio, most of them you only cut the ribbon for. They were already here. Now I want to get into what I have to say. Friends, I don't believe that the VA is going into Affinity Medical Center more than you do. But if by luck it does happen, it would save a lot of us Massillon residents some money. I'm here for Massillon residents. I know about the Council members already. But, if by luck if it does happen, it would be saving some money and then we would have to deal with the terrible record of the VA. It is a government organization I investigated that doesn't work. My dad is a veteran. I've talked to many veterans at McDonald's. It doesn't work.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Inside voice.

**L.J. DELUCA** – Pardon me? Okay, thank you, Madam President. Sorry about that, I'll keep it more civil at that point. Now, more about the hospital. It was a citizen that said in a letter to the Repository about Paramount Matrix Healthcare, accused fraudsters. And I mentioned right here at the Massillon, Ohio, City Council meetings and how terrible their record was about Paramount Matrix Healthcare and it needed to be investigated more closely. And luckily, for all of us citizens here at Massillon, Ohio, investigated Paramount Matrix Healthcare before the Mayor turned over the keys to this organization and then we would have really be in serious financial and legal trouble and that's why you needed the Mayor to listen nicely to those citizens that had a lot of information. It could have been a benefit to you in the City going forward with Affinity Medical Center that always loved. It's a big thing for me. It's a big thing for all residents in Massillon, Ohio. It's a big thing. And finally, Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry, as long as my time will a lot, you kept us all in the dark all along about our great Affinity Medical Center and when the Massillon citizens, including me, brought this up to you, you either went into Executive Session.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Mr. DeLuca, no personal attacks. One minute.

**L.J. DELUCA** – Okay. Thank you. So, I can't say after stifling me on that? It's not a personal attack, it's just the way a lot of Massillon residents feel, Madam President, and I think that the Ohio Attorney General should investigate what's going on here at City Council. If you're going to stifle, I'm willing to follow directions of this City Council, but I think the Ohio Attorney General, which I've talked to this week, needs to investigate some of this stuff and I will see to it. But I know all too well that this Administration would put just about anybody in our former great Affinity Medical Center. Jeff Hubrick Jr., I hope that rings a bell because the Mayor rang it right here in City Council. That's not bad, she did it. She said he was great and Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry, you said "Paramount Matrix Healthcare, buying that..." and it stated in this Independent "that Affinity Medical Center was a breath of fresh air for us" and we're still waiting for our first breath. Thank you, Mayor. I'm trying to be as nice as I can, but the facts are the facts. The truth is the truth, just like the Friends and Family CEO told me about what you brought to Friends and Family. I'm trying to be as professional as I can and I'd appreciate if you'd do the same. Thank you. Thank you, Madam President. I just wanted to get this in. I



know there are a lot of people are Democrats or political affiliation, but I'm not representing anybody, I'm for some candidate, but I just wanted, as a citizen, I just wanted to get opinion out. Thank you for letting me do that, thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you. Anyone else?

**BILL WEAVER** – 28 Lincoln Way E., Massillon, Ohio. I just want to really say that I'm so glad that the streetscape thing is almost done. I'm amazed that in the last two weeks they have really kicked it into high gear. I wish that had happened months ago because it would have been done by now, but it didn't. But I'm here to report that on November 15<sup>th</sup>, Sugar Bowl is going to reopen. So, we'll be back. (Applause).

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – I'll spread the word. Did you say November 15<sup>th</sup>?

**BILL WEAVER** – November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you. Anyone else?

**RITA FISHER** – 856 Cherry Rd. N.W., Massillon, Ohio. My husband and I own a property there and I'm here to discuss the property connected to us of 862, I believe, is the address and I'll refresh your memory. Before we even purchased it, neighbors got creative and had to build privacy fences and put up steel pipes in their yards because this neighbor would drive and park in their yards and stuff. I'm happy to say that some of the issues I brought a year ago have been taken care of, thank you very much. Some of them have reoccurred. The issues that have not been addressed over the year is, if you remember, the "chop shop". I called it a "chop shop" a year ago; Dave knows. It's continued to be a problem. At one point, over the year, one of his vehicles that he claims to own, which I don't know how somebody can have seven to nine to ten to twelve vehicles all listed in his name with no license plates on them. But one of the trucks lost its brakes, ran down the alley through the other alley, hit my neighbor's car, his house and a privacy fence for a third person over. That is what we're dealing with with this man. From my upstairs bedroom window, you can look down into his property. I see fifteen to thirty tires; has to be an ordinance violation. There are at least two propane tanks, probably four because of the way they're stacked up and the valves are facing his direction. The tanks are facing my house, the property we own. So, if they go, my house is gone, okay. As of yesterday, the alley was completely blocked again; always blocked, doesn't matter. We call the police, they come, they talk to him. He moves them. Doesn't matter. As soon as they leave, give them two hours and he comes back. And the "chop shop" runs from 10 at night until 7 in the morning. So, you have that noise on top of everything else. Like I said, we were told that all the cars were registered to him; can't possibly be. The latest episode, which is why I'm here tonight is, there's a fifty-gallon oil drum leaking oil onto, he rolled it to the edge of our property and we now have an oil slick behind our garage from this drum. Can't be good for anybody, for anybody, can't be good. This property is a mess. What can we do? What are we supposed to do? I have Dave on my text message. I text him all the time. I have e-mails of where I've contacted the City and this is just only some of them. Where else am I supposed to go? What else I'm I supposed to do? Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you. At the end of the meeting, maybe Mr. Maley could talk to you.

**RITA FISHER** – I've also sent e-mails to you, I have. I don't know if you remember my name, but you have all of those. I stayed last time I was here, spoke to several people, nobody ever came back. I met Dave, probably what, eight times out there, probably and some of them were taken care of. Which I thank you for.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – I saw a truck parked in the front yard.

**RITA FISHER** – That is the house. It has been there two and a half weeks; on Wednesday it'll be three weeks. The hood is up and like Sam says, "I don't think it's a Halloween decoration. I don't really think it's supposed to be sitting there for Halloween", okay. We use Sam's glass business all the time. The glass business is across the street. I don't know what else to do. Somebody give me an idea, okay.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Litman, go ahead.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – I have actually heard other complaints as well, not about your particular property, but about vehicles that are up on blocks in either the front of the house, in a driveway, on the side. Maybe it would be a good idea if we were updated a bit on what exactly is our ordinance related to those kind of things because I immediately go to Jimmy Johnson as well for someone to go out and take a look at it and I don't know that I always get a response as far as what has been done. I know that they're looking into it, but if Jimmy might be willing to share that ordinance with us or what that process is related to vehicles that are similar to your situation.

**RITA FISHER** – This is also the gentleman who strangled his stepson and put him in the hospital. So, he's a very violent man.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Rita.

**RITA FISHER** – Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone else?

**SAM DAUT** – 835 Cherry Rd. N.W., Massillon, Ohio. First of all, I don't think that people should have to come down here and complain about a nuisance. It should've been done by the local councilman who said three times, take it to where it was supposed to go. You have inspectors here. The property, if it were in your neighborhood, you'd be standing here too, addressing this Council. But, first of all, this isn't a City Council problem. This is a problem to hire, you pay people to do this and you really should do it and as far as this problem, I guess it has been awhile, I'll have to make this quick as a "hi and bye", but this is as close to censorship as it gets. I just don't understand why people have to come down here and complain about this. Drive by there tomorrow. The property is at 862 Cherry and she is right. There's a pickup truck with the hood up, parked there for three weeks. I don't know, Halloween is coming up. I was joking but it might be one of those transformers. You know how they turn into from a truck into a robot? But I really wish you would start addressing some of the problems. Instead of worrying about the river, you need to worry about some of these trash roads in this City and if people want to come back angrily at me, I really don't care. I try to keep up with my properties and I'm penalized for it. I purchased a property adjacent to me

and I can probably be complained about that I brought dirt because I am trying to fix up the property. But it's a big difference that these people have been like this. We've had police there; they're a public nuisance, period. Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Sam. Anyone else?

**JIM HAAVISTO** – I am residing at 2443 Wittenberg Ave. S.E., Massillon, Ohio, and I am a candidate for mayor of Massillon, Ohio, November 5, 2019. I wish I would have known I could have disclosed that earlier. I would have been happy to advertise for myself, but may the Council be pleased with that announcement. Now I don't understand why that's very important to this Council because why does a candidate have any less of a voice than a citizen and I will tell you a few weeks ago, probably a couple of months now, I announced how impressed I was that people were beginning to show up at City Council and actually starting to learn things about their City and make an impact. My question to you, today after listening, my question to you today is, who wants to be the thought and speech police on this Council? Who wants to sit here with a decimal meter? The young man just spoke up. It was pretty loud, as loud as Mr. DeLuca. Sam was just as loud, but no warning whatsoever. So, my question is, who wants to be the speech police in our City? We're getting our citizens involved, more people are running for office. I sat at the Repository and they complimented Massillon on the fact that we actually have competitive elections in our City and they said Canton is no where close. So, I don't want to stay twelve years behind Canton. We want to move Massillon ahead. So, who wants to be the speech police of our Council? People are starting to come forward. This is a prestigious body and the citizens, this is the one opportunity for three minutes, three minutes a week, we get to speak to every City official here on Council. Last week I spoke and I addressed, twice during my talk, I said I'm addressing Council and asking you questions. What happened immediately, fine, it's public speaks, immediately, the Mayor is allowed to get up and rebut and pat you all on the back and saying, no, no, you did a good job. If you want free speech, if you want a better City, I'm just saying, we've all got to take a look at what we're doing. We've got to allow free speech, we've got to allow public speaks and guess what, sometimes I'm a little bit louder. Some people talk louder. So, if you want to say with a decimal meter, if you want to say with the three-minute timer, I get it. It's done all over the place. But, if you're going to sit and trample down and tell people that they can't ramble on, etc., etc. Well, guess what? I'm rambling, I'm a citizen. I think I've earned this right. I've paid my taxes and my free speech is not going to be hindered and if I have to take it further than that, I will do that. But we are citizens of this City, we are taxpayers and we are allowed to address this Council and if we get a little bit emotional, like Sam just did; he has a right to get emotional and any body else in this Council. There is a limit to it, we get it. We don't need cursing, we don't need personal attacks, agreed. But I've heard this Council attack each other personally. That doesn't make us any less citizens. We got to watch that stuff, but allow free speech in this City or this City will never get better than where it is right now. We need free speech, thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you. Anyone else?

**L.J. DELUCA** – Madam President, can I just ask you one thing? Can I say one thing?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Go ahead.

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – You need to speak into the microphone so that it can be transcribed, thank you.

**L.J. DELUCA** – Thank you, Diane.

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – You're welcome.

**L.J. DELUCA** – I appreciate you transcribing this and I know how hard it is when people go ten to twenty minutes, even City Council or other people. Madam President, last week I had my "Elect James Haavisto" button on. You asked my very nicely to remove it. However, you let another citizen come on with a shirt that was advertising and you let them speak. I also heard, Sam, wait a second please.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – If I had seen it, I would have said something.

**L.J. DELUCA** – He was, I have it on video. And number two, I think Mr. Sam, I know him, I think he was just as loud as a decibel as I was. So, I mean, if you're trying to stifle the residents, that's fine. I won't come. But if you can let free speech, I want everybody in Massillon to know, I want free speech. We're not running down people. We're telling it the way it is. Thank you and Mayor, I want to welcome everybody here, but I want to be able to speak when all these residents come. Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you. Anyone else?

**MICHAEL SNEE** – I'm a candidate for 6<sup>th</sup> Ward. I live 2212 Alden Ave. N.W., Massillon, Ohio. We spoke in Council a few weeks ago about an animal control officer and since then, I've had three different people trying to get a hold of me and reach out and I just want to bring awareness to the situation. I know Jason's kind of heading this up a little bit. If there's any way to expedite getting an animal control officer in Massillon, I think we need one as soon as possible. Am I allowed to read an excerpt?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Yes.

**MICHAEL SNEE** – I just wanted to relay what this young lady told me in Lincoln Park, I'm sorry Lincoln Hill. She said she called the dog warden this morning and they told her that somebody came out last night, but nobody came out and spoke to her. The lady she spoke with this morning had no idea what happened and she left her name and number for the deputy that was supposed to come and she's referring to Stark County Animal Control. We need somebody here in Massillon as opposed to Stark County because Stark County is huge. Everybody knows that and that's just too large of an area to isolate that focal point to that degree. She reached out to her neighborhood manager and they said they would be addressing it today, but, basically, what happened was, there was dog that got loose. It killed another cat and the cat suffered all night. She was trying to get it help and it died the next morning. She had to go out and bury it because nobody ever showed up and my fear is, since this is the third time since somebody came to Council and got emotional and spoke up here; you all remember that I'm sure. My fear is that, okay, this is the real issue; I don't want a dog getting out and going after my kid. I don't want a dog going after my neighbor's kid. They're out playing, they're riding their bikes, this is a liability issue that needs to be addressed as soon as possible. Just wanted to bring awareness to the situation. Thank you for your time.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Michael. Anyone else?

**JACK MOORE** – I live at 1739 Amherst Rd., Massillon, Ohio, and I'm a candidate for Ward 2 City Council. For tonight, I never met that lady, but it turns out, we were doing some talking before the meeting and the house she has was actually my parents house and after my dad passed, I sold it to her. When she told me where she lived, the first thing I asked her "Is the tombstone still in the back yard?". So, that's nothing new and as far as the truck being in the front yard, if I'm not mistaken, and I could be wrong, but I believe when Don Peters was on Council, it was passed that you could not park a vehicle in the yard or across the driveway. I could be wrong, but that's what I believe. And that's all I got, Jack Moore.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Jack. Anyone else? I'd like to call the Mayor up.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Thank you, Madam President, Members of Council. I just wanted to give you an update. We did have the director, the new director of the VA tour the hospital last week. She was very impressed. We were very impressed with her. She brought in, I believe, six people with her and they're working on the lease agreement at this time. So, I just wanted to give you that update and we hope to be receiving something maybe by Christmas. So, that is the story that I wanted to share tonight so that you were kept in the loop, okay, and thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you. Anyone else? Councilman Manson, Lewis is not here to adjourn the meeting.

## 18. **ADJOURNMENT**

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – I move to adjourn.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilwoman Starrett. Meeting adjourned.

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DIANE ROLLAND, COUNCIL CLERK

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CLAUDETTE ISTNICK, PRESIDENT